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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a two-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed 24 January 2003, thereby extending the date on which the period of response is set to expire from 24 April 2003 to 24 June 2003.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 13-4895 in the amount of \$400.00 to cover the required extension fee. Please charge any additional fees or credit any over-payment to PTO Deposit Account No. 13-4895.

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The undersigned hereby certifies that this paper is being transmitted by facsimile in accordance with 37 CFR §1.6(d) to the Patent and Trademark Office, addressed to Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Mail Stop AF, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on this 24<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2003, at 3:08 p.m. (Central Time).

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